

RE: Sol. # D12PS00011, Dept. of Interior, BLM AFS – Medium Helicopter – Exclusive Use

RFP/Contract Questions:

- 1) Where will the aircraft be based during the exclusive use period? What is the primary location? Is the ramp space provided by the government?

A: The designated base per Section A, page 8, is Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Also see page 6, N1.

- 2) Is a hangar provided by the government?

A: Hangar space is NOT provided by the Government.

- 3) Will all missions be flown single pilot operations? All these flow under Part 135, Part 133 or Part 137?

A: Yes, single pilot. These are flown under 135, 133, and 137.

- 4) Is the area of operations for this exclusive use contract only in Alaska (Operations only in Alaska)? So are we to understand fuel serving vehicle, fuel, and fuels service staff are NOT to be provided by the contractor for this contract?

A: Refer to Section A, page 6, N1. See B16, page 22. See 19.2 and 19.3, pages 42-43.

- 5) Is every aircraft configuration item in section B required to be in contract compliance?

A: Yes.

- 6) Are there any weight limits/restrictions for the aircraft?

A: Refer to Section A, page 6.

- 7) Could you please clarify how many staff is required to be bid as part of the base contract? Is it (1) PIC, (1) Relief PIC, & (1) Primary Mechanic, then we are supposed to include options for Relief Pilot PIC & Relief Mechanic? Please let us know what should be bid with the base requirements and what should be bid as optional items or “upon request of the government.”

A: Refer to Section A1(page 6) and Section B - Personnel Requirements, beginning on page 19. Also, provide pricing on the updated price schedule, attached.

- 8) Is there an incumbent contractor on this contract?

A: Yes.

- 9) When will award be made? How many days after Proposal submittal on March 26 will it take for there to be an award announcement?

A: Award will be made as timely as possibly following evaluations of proposals. This process could take up to 30 days.

- 10) Will the awarded contractor be required to perform mission in the Lower 48?

A: Refer to Section A, page 6, N1, also see 19.2 and 19.3, pages 42-43.

- 11) Will DART 39" gear be acceptable for the high skid gear requirement (B6.13)?

A: REMOVE: B6.13 High-skid-type landing gear is required. For Bell helicopter models, 31-inch extended height landing gear, similar to Dart P/N D205-594-013, is required.

REPLACE WITH: B6.13 High-skid-type landing gear is required. For Bell helicopter models, 31-inch or higher extended height landing gear, similar to Dart P/N D205-594-013, is required.

- 12) Will an ARTEX ME406HM ELT satisfy the requirements for GPS interface with the ELT (B7.3.1)?

A: Proposed equipment will be required to meet all specifications in the solicitation, including the following:

B7.3.1.1 If an automatic-fixed ELT, or an automatic-portable ELT which requires tools to remove from the aircraft, is furnished to meet the above, then the Contractor must also furnish a 406MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), which must be attached to the pilot in all phases of flight.

- 13) What is the approximate size of the space on the ramp referenced in C15.4.1? Is it large enough for a CONEX? Utility trailer?

A: There is room at the helibase to park a utility trailer up to approximately 20' if the vendor wishes to do so. A CONEX would not be allowed at the helibase.

- 14) Is the incumbent type of aircraft and pricing available?

A: Pricing is available. Please see Question 15.

- 15) Can you please provide historical data on this solicitation, such as current daily and hourly rate, and number of hours flown over the past few years?

A:	<u>Estimated Total Value</u>	<u>Estimated Hours Flown</u>
	2011 - \$987,000	Hours - 121
	2010 - \$934,000	Hours - 372
	2009 - \$855,000	Hours - 240

- 16) Is the "additional" pilot and mechanic an absolute necessity for the proposal?

A: Refer to Section A1, page 6, Crew Compliment Required.

- 17) If the additional personnel are required, how much notice would the operator be given for those personnel to arrive at the designated base.

A: Notice will be given as soon as the need is evident. Arrival time will be dependent on location.

- 18) The amount for additional pilot and mechanic is one of the items in the pricing schedule. Will those amounts be included in comparison of total bid amount, since they may or may not be called for?

A: Refer to Evaluation of Proposals, Section D8.

19) The amount for vehicle and driver is one of the items in the pricing schedule. Will that amount be included in comparison of total bid amount, since it may or may not be called for?

A: Refer to Evaluation of Proposals, Section D8.

REMOVE:

C5 Invoice Submission

C5.1 The Contractor shall make electronic payment invoice requests through a controlled Department of the Interior (DOI) electronic invoicing and reporting system. An electronic report will be initiated by the Contractor documenting daily services provided as set forth by the contract, and when submitted for payment becomes the Contractor's invoice. More specific invoicing information will be provided at time of contract award.

C5.2 Supporting invoice(s) and/or documentation as required by the contract to support actual additional pay items (i.e. relief transportation costs, tie-downs, landing fees, etc.) shall be attached electronically to the applicable report. Failure to include such documentation would result in rejection of the report back to the Contractor for inclusion and resubmission.

C5.3 Payment invoices are to be submitted no sooner than every two weeks or upon conclusion of a project, if less than two weeks duration. Services provided must be shown on a daily basis.

REPLACE WITH:

C5 Aircraft Use Report

C5.1 The Contractor, or Contractor's representative, and the Government must complete and sign an Aircraft Use Report, OAS-23/23E form. An electronic report will be initiated by the Contractor in a Department of the Interior electronic reporting system, Aircraft Management System (AMS) or other designated reporting system that documents the daily services recorded on the signed OAS-23/23E. Hard copies of the signed OAS-23/23E are to be uploaded/attached to the electronic report created in the electronic system. Additional information relative to the electronic system will be provided at time of award.

C5.2 Supporting documentation as required by the contract to support actual additional pay items (i.e. relief transportation costs, tie-downs, landing fees, etc.) shall be attached electronically to the applicable Aircraft Use Report. Failure to include such documentation would result in rejection of the report back to the Contractor for inclusion and resubmission.

C5.3 Aircraft Use Reports are to be submitted no sooner than every two weeks or upon conclusion of a project, if less than two weeks duration.

C5.4 Subsequent electronic invoicing through IPP (see below) will match the same period as the Aircraft Use Report submission.

REMOVE:

C5.A Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements – Internet Payment Platform (IPP) (September 2011)

Effective October 1, 2012 -- Payment requests must be submitted electronically through the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Internet Payment Platform System (IPP).

"Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in the applicable Prompt Payment clause included in the contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions – Commercial Items included in commercial item contracts. The IPP website address is: <https://www.ipp.gov>.

Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice:

- Documents required Aircraft Use Reports (AMD Form 23E) documenting daily services provided as set forth by their contract. This form must have the appropriate Government Representative signature approving the services.
- Supporting invoice(s) and/or documentation as required by the contract to support actual additional pay items (i.e. relief transportation costs, tie-downs, landing fees, etc.).

The Contractor must use the IPP website to register, access and use IPP for submitting requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in CCR) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB) within 3 – 5 business days of the contract award date. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email ippgroup@bos.frb.org or phone (866) 973-3131.

If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor must submit a waiver request in writing to the contracting officer with its proposal or quotation.

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A2 Item 0001-0005 Pricing

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DESIGNATED BASE Ft. Wainwright, AK	EXCLUSIVE USE PERIOD 75 calendar days	START DATE: May 20, 2012 END DATE: August 2, 2012
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OFFEROR NAME		
AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PRICING SCHEDULE	Make/Model	FAA Registration #

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PAY ITEM CODE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
2012 1.a.	1st YEAR – May 20 – Aug 2, 2012 Price per day for availability	AV	75	DAYS	\$	\$
1.b.	Price per flight hour for estimated flight hours (Dry)	FD	ESTIMATED 150	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
1.c.	Additional Crew-Estimated (When Requested)	AC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
1.d.	Mechanic-Estimated (Refer to B13)	MC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
1.e.	Mechanic –Estimated (When Requested, Refer to B14.6)	M2	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS		
1.f.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle and Driver – Estimated (Lower 48 Only)	SD	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
BASE YEAR – ESTIMATED TOTAL – 1st year, 2012						\$

2013 2.a.	2nd YEAR – May 20 – Aug 2, 2013 Price per day for availability	AV	75	DAYS	\$	\$
2.b.	Price per flight hour for estimated flight hours (Dry)	FD	ESTIMATED 150	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
2.c.	Additional Crew-Estimated (When Requested)	AC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
2.d.	Mechanic –Estimated (Refer to B13)	MC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
2.e.	Mechanic –Estimated (When Requested, Refer to B14.6)	M2	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS		
2.f.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle and Driver - Estimated (Lower 48 Only)	SD	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
1st OPTION YEAR – ESTIMATED TOTAL – 2nd YEAR, 2013						\$

2014 3.a.	3rd YEAR – May 20 – Aug 2, 2014 Price per day for availability	AV	75	DAYS	\$	\$
3.b.	Price per flight hour for estimated flight hours (Dry)	FD	ESTIMATED 150	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
3.c.	Additional Crew-Estimated (When Requested)	AC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
3.d.	Mechanic-Estimated (Refer to B13)	MC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
3.e.	Mechanic –Estimated (When Requested, Refer to B14.6)	M2	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS		
3.f.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle and Driver- Estimated (Lower 48 Only)	SD	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$

2nd OPTION YEAR – ESTIMATED TOTAL – 3RD YEAR, 2014

\$

2015 4.a.	4th YEAR - May 20 – Aug 2, 2015 price per day for availability	AV	75	DAYS	\$	\$
4.b.	Price per flight hour for estimated flight hours (Dry)	FD	ESTIMATED 150	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
4.c.	Additional Crew-Estimated (When Requested)	AC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
4.d.	Mechanic-Estimated (Refer to B13)	MC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
4.e.	Mechanic –Estimated (When Requested, Refer to B14.6)	M2	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS		
4.f.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle and Driver- Estimated (Lower 48 Only)	SD	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$

3rd OPTION YEAR – ESTIMATED TOTAL – 4th YEAR , 2015

\$

2016	5th YEAR – May 20 – Aug 2, 2016					
5.a.	Price per day for availability	AV	75	DAYS	\$	\$
5.b.	Price per flight hour for estimated flight hours (Dry)	FD	ESTIMATED 150	FLIGHT HOURS	\$	\$
5.c.	Additional Crew-Estimated (When Requested)	AC	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
5.d.	Mechanic –Estimated (Refer to B13)	M1	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS		
5.e.	Mechanic –Estimated (When Requested, Refer to B14.6)	M2	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
5.f.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle and Driver- Estimated (Lower 48 Only)	SD	ESTIMATED 7	DAYS	\$	\$
4th OPTION YEAR – ESTIMATED TOTAL – 5th YEAR, 2016						\$

ITEM 1 - ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE – FIVE YEARS

\$

ADDITIONAL PAY ITEMS SCHEDULE

	ADDITIONAL PAY ITEMS	AMD-23e PAY ITEM CODE	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE
g.	Extended Standby – Pilot	EP	INDEFINITE	HOURL	\$ 49.00
h.	Extended Standby – Driver	ET	INDEFINITE	HOURL	\$ 22.00
i.	Extended Standby - Mechanic	EM	INDEFINITE	HOURL	\$ 51.00
j.	Fuel Charge	FC	INDEFINITE	EACH	Actual Cost
k.	Subsistence Allowance	PD	INDEFINITE	Overnight	Per FTR Schedule
l.	Fuel Servicing Vehicle Mileage	SM	INDEFINITE	MILE	0-349 gallons \$ 1.35 350-749 gallons \$ 1.83 750-1,499 gallons \$ 2.45 1,500 or more gallons \$ 3.51
m.	Contractor Miscellaneous Costs	SC	INDEFINITE	EACH	Actual Cost